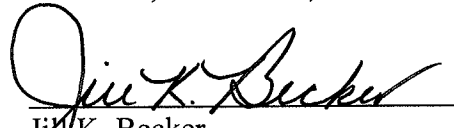


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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment are being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on or before January 18, 2008, and thus, a Request For Extension Of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. Therefore, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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